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# TOWN OF ELLINGTON

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### BOARD OF FINANCE

REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2005 RICHARD J. CLEARY ROBERT J. CLEMENTS VAUGHN E. GERBER MARK A. JOYSE BARRY C. PINTO

Board of Finance Members Present: Robert K. Pagani-Chairman, Richard J. Cleary, Mark A. Joyse, Barry C. Pinto

Board of Finance Members Absent: Robert J. Clements, Vaughn E. Gerber

Chairman Robert Pagani called the meeting to order at 8:03 pm.

Approval of Minutes

MOTION (CLEARY) SECONDED (JOYSE) AND PASSED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF OCTOBER 11, 2005 AS WRITTEN.

## **Financial Statements**

Mr. DiCorleto stated that the auditors would be coming in tomorrow to begin the town audit. He has been working on getting ready for them and is 95% done.

He stated that the new computer system is working well.

The High School audit proposal was received by the Finance Officer and they want a meeting with someone from the Board of Finance to discuss the parameters. Bob Pagani made himself available to meet with them.

Mr. Cleary asked the Finance Officer if he ever received any paperwork from the Crystal Lake Fire Department regarding their fees. The Fire Department is reporting \$12,000 being taken in. They have stated that they are a Fire District and are separate from the Town. The Board feels they need to be accountable for that money and how it is spent, just as with the Ambulance Corps as well as all other town funded budgets are.

## **Additional Appropriations**

Land Acquisition - 80 Maple Street

The Chairman read a letter from the Town Attorney regarding this property being on the National Register of Historic Places. If someone objects to the Town razing the house when the time comes and wants to preserve the property as it is, they can legally contest it and stop the Town from doing it. This could cause the Town to incur additional attorney and court costs. The Board did not know what the intended use of the property was if it could not be razed in the future. The Board members felt this was not a good use of \$240,000.

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MOTION (JOYSE) SECONDED (PINTO) AND PASSED TO REJECT THE PROPOSAL TO PURCHASE THE PROPERTY AT 80 MAPLE STREET AS PRESENTED FOR \$265,000.

#### New Business

2006 Meeting Calendar

A comment was made that the February meeting was on the 14<sup>th</sup>. We will check with the Board of Selectmen to see if it can be on February 13 instead.

Gas and Fuel

Mr. Pagani stated that quotes were being received for the energy saving work discussed last month. He feels that the deficit is not looking as bad as originally thought. The Board of Education minutes suggest \$235,000 but that has changed since that meeting. The Town and School officials are still meeting on a regular basis in this regard. Mr. Pagani told the Board that he let the Superintendent know that the Town would not be making up the entire difference.

Charter Revision Commission

November 18 is the last day for comments to the commission.

Land Use Fees

A memo was received from the Town Planner where he drafted the new fees in a form that can be acted on by the Planning & Zoning Commission. The Members commented on the fact that the Planning & Zoning Commission has done nothing toward the Plan of Development. There doesn't seem to be any cooperation between the Design Review Board and Planning and Zoning.

Adjournment

MOTION (CLEARY) SECONDED (JOYSE) AND PASSED TO ADJOURN THE

MEETING AT 8:50 PM.

Submitted by

Lori Smith, Clerk